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SUBJ: LEBANESE SC COMPLAINT

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THERE FOLLOW TWO STATEMENTS BY AMB SCALI TO SC IN COURSE OF APRIL 24 CONSIDERATION OF LEBANESE COMPLAINT ON ISRAELI RAID. FIRST, INTRODUCES US PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO DRAFT RESOLUTION (REFTEL); SECOND IS US STATEMENT DELIVERED AFTER THE VOTE:

ATTACHMENT "A"

OR. PRESIDENT,

AT A LATER STAGE IN THESE PROCEEDINGS, I SHALL HAVE A STATEMENT TO MAKE REGARDING THE CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING OUR CONSIDERATION OF THE LEBANESE COMPLAINT. FOR THE PRESENT, I WISH TO MAKE ONLY LIMITED COMMENT ON THE DRAFT RESOLUTION CONTAINED IN DOCUMENT S/11275. IT IS CLEAR TO ME THAT A GREAT DEAL OF EFFORT AND THOUGH HAS GONE INTO THIS DRAFT. THE INTENT HAS CLEARLY BEEN FIRST TO BE EQUITABLE STABILITY WHICH ARE INDISPENSABLE IF THE SEARCH FOR A LASTING PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST IS TO BE ACHIEVED. MY DELEGATION SHARES THESE AIMS. WE BELIEVE THAT WITH A SINGLE AMENDMENT THE DRAFT BEFORE US MIGHT COMMAND WIDESPREAD POSITIVE SUPPORT AMONG THE MEMBERS OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL.

HAVING BEEN INFORMED THAT AMENDMENTS ARE PROPER AT THIS TIME, MY DELEGATION PROPOSES THAT OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH 2 BE AMENDED BY THE ADDITION OF FOUR WORDS TO READ:

"2. CONDEMNS ALL ACTS OF VIOLENCE, ESPECIALLY THOSE WHICH, AS AT QIRYAT SHMONA, RESULT IN THE TRAGIC LOSS OF INNOCENT CIVILIAN LIEF, AND URGES ALL CONCERNED TO REFRAIN FROM ANY FURTHER ACTS OF VIOLENCE."

ATTACHMENT "B"

STATEMENT TO BE MADE IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL ON THE LEBANESE COMPLAINT
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THE SITUATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST PRESENTS GRAVE RISKS AND GREAT OPPORTUNITIES. DURING THE LAST FEW MONTHS THE FIRST CONCRETE STEPS TOWARD PEACE WERE TAKEN -- AFTER DECADES OF STRIFE BETWEEN ARAB AND ISRAELI. ALL PRINCIPAL PARTIES TO THE CONFLICT HAVE ACCEPTED THIS COUNCIL'S RESOLUTION 242 AND 338 AS A BASIS FOR PEACE. A FRAMEWORK FOR NEGOTIATIONS, THE GENEVA PEACE CONFERENCE, HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED. NEW FOUNDATIONS OF STABILITY REQUIRED FOR FURTHER PROGRESS HAVE BEEN CREATED: THESE INCLUDE THE DISPATCH OF THE UN EMERGENCY FORCE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CEASE-FIRE ON THE ISRAELI- EGYPTIAN FRONT, AND THE EGYPTIAN-ISRAELI AGREEMENT ON THE DISENGAGEMENT OF FORCES.

DESPITE THIS PROMISING DIPLOMATIC PROGRESS, HOWEVER, ACTS OF VIOLENCE AND TERRORISM THREATEN TO UNDERMINE PROSPECTS OF PERMANENT PEACE. CLASHES BETWEEN ISRAELI AND SYRIAN MILITARY FORCES ON THE CEASE-FIRE LINE INCREASE IN INTENSITY. WE MUST MOST EMPHATICALLY DEPLORE SUCH RESORTS TO FORCE IN VIOLATION OF THE CEASE-FIRE DEMANDED BY THE SECURITY COUNCIL, AND IN CONTRADICTION TO THE DISENGAGEMENT BEING ACTIVELY PURSUED.

ONCE AGAIN WE MEET HERE TO CONSIDER THE MASSACRE OF INNOCENT MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN. ON APRIL 11, THREE TERRORISTS BRUTALLY KILLED 16 CIVILIANS IN QURYAT SHMONA. ALLEGING THAT THE TERRORISTS CAME FROM LEBANON, ISRAEL LAUNCHED A REPRISAL RAID TWO DAYS LATER AGAINST SEVERAL VILLAGES IN SOUTHERN LEBANON, WHICH REPORTEDLY RESULTED IN CIVILIAN CASUALTIES AS

WE DO NOT PRESUME TO MAKE JUDGMENT ABOUT THE RESPECTIVE CLAIMS AS TO WHETHER OR NOT THE TERRORISTS CAME FROM LEBANON. THE FACT IS, HOWEVER, THAT INNOCENT PEOPLE WERE BRUTALLY MURDERED, AND SPOKESMEN FOR THE MURDERERS HELD A PRESS CONFERENCE IN BEIRUT TO BOAST OF THEIR CALLOUS ACT. ONCE MORE WE HAVE BEEN FACED WITH MOUNTING VIOLENCE, UGLY LANGUAGE, AND HARSH RETRIBUTION. THIS IS A FAMILIAR TALE, BUT WITH A SIGNIFICANT DIFFERENCE. THIS TIME THE CANCER OF UNCLASSIFIED

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TERRORISM NOT ONLY TAKES INNOCENT LIVES, IT THREATENS THE NEW AND MORE PROMISING TRENDS TOWARD PEACE IN THE AREA. THIS, INDEED, MAY HAVE BEEN THE PRINCIPAL MOTIVE OF THE ATTACKERS.

DESPITE THESE DIFFICULTIES, THE UNITED STATES PLEDGES TO CONTINUE ITS EFFORT TO MOVE THE PARTIES TOWARD PEACE. SIMPLY PUT, MY COUNTRY SEEKS THROUGH DISCUSSION, NEGOTIATION, AND ACCOMMODATION TO MOVE, ON THE BASIS OF SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 242, TOWARD A JUST AND DURABLE PEACE, A PEACE WHICH WILL TRANSFORM THE ATMOSPHERE, THE RELATIONS, AND ATTITUDES IN THE MIDDLE EAST FOR THE BENEFIT OF ALL CONCERNED. THIS IS A GOAL TO WHICH THE VAST MAJORITY OF THE UNITED NATIONS MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIBED, AND TO WHICH THE UN ITSELF IS MAKING A KEY CONTRIBUTION.

SADLY, THIS OBJECTIVE IS STILL REPUDIATED BY GROUPS OF TERRORISTS, UNINHIBITED BY LAW, AND UNRESTRAINED BY COMMON STANDARDS OF HUMAN DECENCY. THE GROUP WHICH CLAIMS RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE MURDERS AT QIRYAT SHMONA IS CATEGORICALLY OPPOSED TO THE PROCESS OF NEGOTIATION THROUGH THE PEACE CONFERENCE AT WHICH THE SOVIET UNION AND THE UNITED STATES ARE

CO-CHAIRMEN. INDEED, ONE SPOKESMAN, WHO CLAIMS TO
SPEAK FOR THAT GROUP HAS REPORTEDLY CLAIMED THAT
QIRYAT SHMONA WAS JUST THE BEGINNING OF REVOLUTIONARY
VIOLENCE AIMED AT PREVENTING A PERMANENT ARAB-ISRAELI
SETTLEMENT.

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WE IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL HAVE INVESTED MUCH
OF OUR LABORS, RESOURCES, AND GOOD WILL DURING THE
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PAST MONTHS IN AN ATTEMPT TO TURN THE MIDDLE EAST AWAY FROM A CYCLE OF VIOLENCE AND RETALIATION. WE CANNOT ALLOW RECENT ACHIEVEMENTS TO BE DESTROYED BY THE MINDLESS TERRORISM OF A SMALL BAND WHO SEEK TO DESTROY THE FRAGILE PEACE WE ARE SEEKING SO ARDUOUSLY TO CONSTRUCT.

NEITHER SHOULD THIS COUNCIL JEOPARDIZE ITS CONSTRUCTIVE WORK OF RECENT MONTHS BY RESORT TO WORN AND ONE-SIDED RHETORIC, DEVOID OF PRACTICAL EFFECT OR WE VOICE HERE OUR CONDEMNATION OF SENSELESS ACTS OF TERROR, SUCH AS OCCURRED AT QIRYAT SHMONA, JUST AS WE CONDEMN THE VIOLENCE UNDERTAKEN IN RETALIATION IN SOUTHERN LEBANON BY ISRAELI FORCES. WE REGRET THAT OUR AMENDMENT TO REFER EXPRESSLY TO QIRYAT SHMONA DID NOT RECEIVE THE NECESSARY SUPPORT IN THIS COUNCIL. WE BELIEVE, HOWEVER, THAT THE RESOLUTION BEFORE US CONDEMNS ALL VIOLENCE, WHATEVER ITS ORIGIN, INCLUDING THE TRAGEDY AT QIRYAT SHMONA.

BUT WE MUST MOVE FORWARD FROM CONDEMNATIONS OF VIOLATIONS TO ENCOURAGING MOVES TOWARD A JUST AND DURABLE PEACE. ABOVE ALL, OUR EFFORTS IN THE COUNCIL MUST CONTRIBUTE TO THE CLIMATE OF PEACE AND MUTUAL GOODWILL WHICH IS INDISPENSABLE IF NEGOTIATIONS ARE TO SUCCEED.
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